

EDUCATORS HEAR ENGLISH SYSTEM LAUDED AT MEET

Dean Jacob Reports Talk on Change at Meeting in Jackson, Miss.

Dean Jacob, recently returned from the thirty-first annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States, at Jackson, Miss., brings with him some interesting information regarding college advancement. Shelton J. Phelps, Professor of School Administration, George Peabody College for Teachers, said that whether a student passed or failed depended more on the teacher than on the subject. Henry Allen Moe, Secretary of the Guggenheim Foundation, in his address, "Honor Courses," made a plea for the English system of unrestricted study.

In speaking of Junior College standards, Dean Jacob stated that present junior college standards imply conceptions at variance with what seems to be the "manifest destiny" of the institutions. "The present artificial dividing line will be moved up two years to where it normally belongs, between the junior and the senior college," he said. "The dividing line between the senior college and the graduate work will likewise disappear."

Many Delegates

Some idea of the importance of the conference may be inferred from the fact that over three hundred delegates and visitors were present. Over one hundred attended the junior college meeting. For the former meeting, representatives from all leading colleges in the South attended. While not so large, the junior college convention was more national in its scope, there being delegates from all sections of the country.

This year the junior college association met in conjunction with the association of senior schools of the South to promote a better understanding between the two groups. It is the intention next year for the junior schools to meet with the North Central colleges.

Dr. Phelps' speech was chiefly a report of the findings of the committee appointed last year to study the college marking system. In addition to what has been mentioned he contended there is no uniformity in marking between the various institutions. Some high schools claim that if they were allowed to select the colleges to which their students would go, they would guarantee all would make high grades. He also finds there is less uniformity between colleges than between professors.

Dean Startling

Mr. Moe's advocacy of more freedom in the American institutions was the most revolutionary of the convention. Those who heard Dr. Holtzclaw's address in chapel last week will appreciate more fully just what Mr. Moe means by more independent study. We waste too much time in classes, Mr. Moe claims; much more could be received from a good book. The English system is at present being practiced in some American colleges.

Dean Jacob mentioned two other impressive speeches: "The Curriculum Trend in Junior College Education" by President L. W. Smith, Joliet (Ill.) Junior College, President of the American Association of Junior Colleges; and "Opportunities and Standards," by Dr. Woodburn Chase, President of the University of North Carolina.

GLEE CLUB TO GIVE SHOW TUESDAY NIGHT

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comment has it that this year's aggregation is the best in many seasons. A few snippets from the press would not be amiss here. They follow:

"It was a well-rounded entertainment, and very talented group of the college fellows who will always be welcomed back to Opelika on their annual trips."—Opelika Journal.

"The Mercers presented a pleasing program, sufficiently varied to avoid monotony. It was the consensus of opinion that it was even better than that of last year."—Gibson, Ga., special to the News.

"There is a program crowded with

Here's The Saddest of All Sad Tales, Co-eds Organize to Dethrone Males

'Twas a dark, dark night, and deep, deep stuff.

Even the man in the moon was not let in on the secret of the portentous meeting held last week when feminine minds plotted against masculine.

Four co-eds were gathered together in a room. Maybe there were more than four. But, if so, no man knows of it. A "little bird" saw four. That was all.

And the deep, deep stuff was the decision of the handful of co-eds on the campus to organize. Speakers proclaimed the fact that they were tired of masculine control. They had grown tired of being left out of everything. It is not at all pleasing that nearly every organization on the campus is For Men Only.

Naw, siree! Women these days are as good as men, and if you'll look into the matter carefully a whole lot better than most of them. The "weaker sex," indeed! Rather, the "waker sex." Women are more wide-awake, more energetic, more intelligent, more studious, more everything than men. Yet these dumb men on the Mercer campus haven't discovered those facts.

So the co-eds organized. The name "Co-eds" was suggested. It was adopted. The organization is founded upon the idea that in union, in concerted action, there is strength—that fire must be fought with fire. If men won't admit co-eds into clubs and societies, the women will be gone-dogged if they won't be just as stuck up.

One of the rules adopted unanimously was that no man positively, under any circumstances, so help us Hannah!, forever and ever, is to have anything whatsoever to do with their organization, no matter who or whom he may be. (Which seems fair enough. At least, it may save the reputations of some chaps hereabouts.)

That is why The Cluster cannot give more information on the Co-eds. The girls wouldn't admit a reporter to the meeting, even if he had known about it. And all the information on the event, which puts a new wrinkle in Mercer's history, had to be obtained from the "little bird." But what The Cluster is able to give, it guarantees as the truth.

Miss Annie Watson was elected Co-ed president. Miss Gore was chosen vice-president. Miss Vera Amerson was selected as secretary and treasurer. And Miss Julia Webb was named reporter.

Much of the time of the first meeting was taken up with the reading of a parody on Kipling's "If," written by one of the co-eds. The Cluster has a copy of this, but does not print it for several reasons, including the fact that by their organizing the co-eds are planning to remove the "if" from their existence. However, all males interested in reading the parody may see it by applying to the editor of this sheet which champions the cause of downtrodden, proscribed, jeopardized, hem-

REDDICK CHOSEN BY JOURNALISTS

Is Elected President of Newly Formed Newspaper Club, Meetings Held

An unsigned paper written by each member of the club on "What can be done to improve the Mercer University School of Journalism?" featured the meeting of the Journalism Club last night. This was the third meeting of the club. The first meeting was held before Thanksgiving and the second one on Thursday, December 2nd.

At their second meeting members of the club elected J. H. Reddick of Sylvania president. Other officers elected were: Courtland Gilbert, Brunswick, vice-president; V. V. Harris of Macon, secretary and Riley McCoy of Rome, treasurer.

H. C. Jones and June Ellis were appointed on the program committee.

A committee was also appointed to draw up a constitution by which the club will be governed. The men appointed were: Professor Edgar E. Folk, faculty adviser of the club, G. W. Hulme, Sam Whatley and Robert Ware. The Journalism club is composed only of men who intend entering the newspaper work as a profession.

The members of the club are: Edwin A. Adams, June Ellis, Courtland Gilbert, Austin Gilmore, V. V. Harris, G. W. Hulme, H. C. Jones, Fred Kendrick, Howard Leonard, J. J. Moore, Riley McCoy, J. H. Reddick, W. J. Stevens, Charlie Wallace, Robert Ware and Sam Whatley. Others are to be taken in later.

spies and laughter, good music and popular jazz."—Tallahassee Journal, special to the Atlanta Journal.

"The extremely varied program given by the Greater Mercer Glee club Monday evening at the High School auditorium under the auspices of the Dial and Eves Post of the American Legion delighted a large audience of local people and visitors from nearby towns who enjoyed the performance thoroughly from open to close.

"Possibility of a heaviness in classics kept the verdict of the audience from being entirely unanimous, but withal the performance was considered equal to that of any put on here in recent years."—Tallahassee Journal.

"The Greater Mercer Glee Club played to a packed house in Dawson Friday night. By its clever arrangement, splendid work of the songsters and instrumentalists, the Mercer Club gave one of the best college glee club performances ever witnessed in Daw-

PHI DELTA ELECTS GUNNELS AS HEAD

Society Also Names Newnan Man Janitor for Fourth Time in This Term

R. L. Gunnels of Elberton was elected president of the Phi Delta literary society for the month of January at the regular meeting of the society Monday night. He succeeds Brodas Motes of Leah.

Gunnels is a member of the Student Tribunal, representing the Junior class. He first gained recognition in the society by being a member of the freshman debating team that defeated the Ciceronian Society freshman team two years ago.

Miss Vera Amerson of Macon was elected censor. She is the first woman to hold an office in the society since it was founded more than seventy-five years ago.

Freshman Howard Glover was elected Janitor. He is the fourth janitor from Newnan chosen by the society in five terms.

Other officers elected were: Aubrey Estes Gay, vice-president; Quill Sammons, Lawrenceville, critic; Etheridge Spinks, Meridian, Miss., secretary; Leslie Williams, Sylvania, chaplain; and Aubrey Myers, Albany, reporter.

Etheridge Spinks, Robert Ware and Bill Bruner were appointed as the program committee for the ensuing term. The meeting hour was changed from 7:15 to 7 o'clock.

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"The offering as a whole was highly appreciated and the audience was particularly responsive to the numbers offered by Ralph Tabor. Bob Lee and his musicians were unusually good. Noble Arnold and Riley McCoy proved unbeatable and capably handled the two extraneous."—The Dawson News.

"By far the best part of the program was the splendid ensemble work done under the direction of Dr. Burt Parker Richardson, including Water Lilies which was without question the gem of the repertoire, Robin Adair, and Old Black Joe. The voices blended in a harmony produced only by thorough training and the entire performance was a credit to the club, its director and the college which they represent."—The Milledgeville Times.

These are just a few of the many clippings praising the 1926-27 Club, but due to lack of space these are all that can be given here. Judging by these, it would seem that the performance Tuesday night will be the best this season.

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